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December 23, 2003

SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM TO:

William D. Travers

Executive Director for Operations

FROM:

Annette L. Vietti-Cook, Secretary

SUBJECT:

STAFF REQUIREMENTS - SECY-03-0208 - ADVERSARY FOR

FORCE-ON-FORCE EXERCISES AT NRC-LICENSED

FACILITIES

The Commission has approved the staff's recommendation of Alternative 3 to establish adversary force standards and guidelines for the industry as a group. The staff should establish an aggressive schedule for developing the adversary force standards and issuing implementation guidelines.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

1/23/04)

The staff should routinely update the Commission on progress made in resolving any outstanding issues and should be consulted on any substantive changes to Alternative 3 that may be considered during discussions with the industry.

However, if the requirements of Alternative 3 can not be fully met, the staff should be prepared to implement Alternative 4 and to reallocate the FY 2005 budget request to reflect the significant cost increase for NRC.

(EDO)

(SECY Suspense:

4/30/05)

The Commission expects that the mock adversary force teams will train together frequently to provide the necessary team cohesiveness.

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May be exempt from public release under the Freedom of Information Ast (5 U.S.C. 552)

Exemption number 2

Nuclear Regulatory Commission review required before public release.

Annette L. Vietti-Cook / SECY

Name and organization of person making determination.

Date of Determination: December 23, 2003

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The staff should be mindful of the impact that passage of the Energy Bill may have on the resolution of several open issues related to the revised physical protection and safeguards program.

cc: Chairman Diaz

Commissioner McGaffigan Commissioner Merrifield

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